

SOVEREIGN GRACE CHURCH

July 29th, 2018

“Save thy people, and
bless thine inheritance:
feed them also, and lift
them up for ever.”

(PSALM 28:9)



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Sunday Worship	11:00 am
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This evening's podcast will be from our PASTOR

HEBREWS 2:1-3:6 — THE CAPTAIN, CALL & CONFIDENCE OF OUR SALVATION

Recorded on Wednesday evening, April 5th, 2017

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THE WAY EVERLASTING

“...SEE IF THERE BE ANY WICKED WAY IN ME,
AND LEAD ME IN THE WAY EVERLASTING.”

(PSALM 139:24)

Happy are those of us who by an Almighty hand and a supernatural power have been put into this blessed path [the way everlasting]! We neither placed ourselves in it at first, nor have kept ourselves in it afterwards. If we have done either, we are not in the way at all, but are walking in a side path, and shall end at that door which Bunyan saw to open into hell from the very gates of heaven. He that has no searching: of soul whether he is in the way, no chilling doubts nor sinking fears ever saddening his spirit, no secret groan nor sigh to have his heart right before God, no solemn midnight cries, no anxious prospects nor gloomy retrospects, no trembling apprehensions how it will be with him at the last, no dread of self-deceit, nor suspicions of Satan's delusions—he, I say, who glides securely on without these deep exercises, manifests by his very ease that he is not in the narrow path that leads to eternal life...

...some will say, “O that I had a clear evidence I was walking in this path! What would I not give to have a divine testimony that the Blessed Spirit was leading me in it!” It is through these very doubts that the evidence is obtained. Doubts lead to cries and groans after a divine testimony; and in answer to these cries the heavenly witness is given. A

man without doubts is without testimonies. Doubts are to testimonies what...the lock [is] to the key, the enigma to the solution. Testimonies are Ebenezers, “stones of help;” (1 Samuel 7:12, *margin note*) but the stone must have a hole dug for it to stand in, and that hole is *doubt*. Doubts of salvation are to manifestations of salvation what hunger is to food, nakedness [is] to clothing, a thunderstorm to a shelter, a gallows to a reprieve, and death to a resurrection. The one of these things precedes, prepares, and opens a way for the other. The first is nothing without the last, nor the last without the first. Thus next to testimonies, the best thing is spiritual doubts. To know we are right is the best thing; to fear we are wrong is the second best. To enjoy the witness of the Spirit is the most blessed thing this side of the grave; to pant after that enjoyment is the next greatest blessing. I am speaking, mind [you], only of spiritual doubts, that is, doubts in a spiritual man, for natural doubts are as far from salvation as natural hopes. The path through the valley of Baca, is “*from strength to strength*,” that is, according to the eastern mode of traveling, from one halting place to another, where wells are dug and “*the rain filleth the pools*” (PSALM 84:6-7). We do not learn either God or ourselves, sin or salvation, in a day. The question is, Have we set one step in the way? “*Watchman, what of the night?*” Is it even, or midnight, or cock crowing, or morning? (MARK 13:35). Is it spring, summer, winter, or harvest? The question is not so much whether you have *much* faith, but whether have you *any*. It is not quantity, but quality; not whether you have a very great religion, but whether you have any at all. A grain of true faith will save the soul; and I have known many, many seasons, when I should be glad to feel certain that I had the thousandth part of a grain. A grain of mustard seed is the smallest of all seeds; and even faith as small as that can move mountains. Have I described any part of your experience, found the least echo in your bosom, unravelled one divine secret of your heart, or touched any one heavenly string in your soul? Happy is he that has one divine testimony to his eternal interest in the electing love of the Father, the atoning blood and justifying righteousness of the Son, and in the divine teachings of the Holy Spirit.

But I solemnly assure every one who has ears to hear, that this path [the way everlasting, the Lord Jesus Christ] is the only way of salvation; and that every one who at the great day shall be found not to have walked in it, will fall into the hands of Him who is a consuming fire, and will sink into hell to lie for ever beneath His avenging frown.

SALVATION BY GOD'S FREE GRACE IN CHRIST

“...BY GRACE YE ARE SAVED...BY GRACE ARE YE SAVED THROUGH FAITH; AND THAT NOT OF YOURSELVES: IT IS THE GIFT OF GOD:”

(EPHESIANS 2:5,8)

The scriptures make it abundantly clear that salvation is by God's free grace in Christ. The good news of the gospel is that since salvation is by grace, there is no condition a sinner must meet in order to be saved. The Lord Jesus Christ met every condition required to save His people so that they would have salvation freely.

PASTOR FRANK TATE

ALL OUR SALVATION

“...IT BECAME HIM, FOR WHOM ARE ALL THINGS, AND BY WHOM ARE ALL THINGS, IN BRINGING MANY SONS UNTO GLORY, TO MAKE THE CAPTAIN OF THEIR SALVATION PERFECT THROUGH SUFFERINGS.”

(HEBREWS 2:10)

Beloved, *all of our salvation* is to be ascribed to the *Captain of our Salvation*, the Lord Jesus Christ! Indeed, He is the author of it *all!* [HEBREWS 12:2]

Beloved, *all of our salvation* is to be ascribed to the *Call of our Salvation*, because of our blessed union with Him, the prophet of God declares “*call them, the holy people, the redeemed of the LORD: and thou shalt be called, sought out, a city not forsaken*” (ISAIAH 62:12).

Beloved, *all of our salvation*, indeed the Confidence of our Salvation, is having been made to see the twofold reconciliation of our Redeemer; that by His *blood* as our sin atoning lamb, and by His *righteousness* as our substitute man, we are heirs of salvation.

The apostle tells us “*Wherefore in all things it behoved [our Lord] to be made like unto His brethren, that He might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God*” (HEBREWS 2:17).

Beloved, our LORD has by His righteousness, made reconciliation for all our iniquity. We are not found in the ruined heap of our filthy righteousness, but rather in the perfect righteousness of the well pleasing God man, Christ Jesus our God, that has perfectly obeyed and believed our Heavenly Father, in our stead. And not only that beloved, there's much more! Paul continues and tells us our blessed Redeemer has made “*reconciliation for the sins of the people*.” Beloved, not “*...by the blood of goats and calves, but by His own blood [Christ Jesus the Lord] entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us.*” AMEN!

PASTOR